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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO US

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REF: (A) STATE 098323; (B) TWX 301430Z SLAWSON/LABOWITZ; (C) IAEA VIENNA A-118, MARCH 19, 1975

- 1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL A, I MET WITH MAHY, USERDA AND HOUCK AND MARTIN, USACDA, WHO THEN JOINED IN MEETING WITH LOPEZ-MENCHERO, FRENZEL AND RHYZOV APRIL 30.
- 2. ADDRESSING EACH PORPOSAL OUTLINED IN NUMBERED PARAS REFAIR, U.S. SIDE CONVEYED COMMENTS CONTAINED NUMBERED PARAS REFTEL A. ONLY IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS TO PARA 5 REFTEL A, ADDRESSING ARTICLE 12.A OF AGREEMENT. IT DEVELOPED THAT IN TRANSMITTING SECRETARIAT PROPOSLA IN PARA E REFAIR, TWO LINES WERE INADVERTANTLY OMITTED AND THAT INTRODUCTORY PART SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL SHOULD HAVE READ: "IF THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO WITHDRAW NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM ACTIVITIES IN FACILITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE AGENCY PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 2.B AND 39.B AND TO TRANSFER SUCH MATERIAL TO A DESTINATION OTHER THAN A FACILITY INCLUDED IN THE LIST ESTABLISHED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 1.B AND 34, THE

FOLLOWING PROCEDURES SHALL APPLY:".

- 3. AFTER DISCUSSION, IN WHICH U.S. SIDE POINTED OUT UNNECESSARY EFFORT INVOLVED IN NOTIFICATION OF EVERY TRANSFER, INCLUDING MANY CONCERNING QUANTITIES OF LESS THAN ONE EFFECTIVE KG NUCLEAR MATERIAL, TO WHICH SECRETARIAT WAS SYMPATHETIC, U.S. SIDE SUGGESTED DELETION OF PHRASE "DESTINATION OTHER THAN A FACILITY" AND REPLACEMENT BY PHRASE "FACILITY OTHER THAN ONE". THUS, TRANSFERS TO BE SUBJECT OF NOTIFICATION WOULD ONLY BE THOSE FROM A SELECTED FACILITY TO A FACILITY (AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 90.1 OF AGREEMENT) EXCLUDED FROM ELIGIBLE LIST; I.E., FACILITY NOT RPT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES WITH DIRECT NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE.
- 4. MISSION BELIEVES SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE
 12.A, AS REPORTED PARA. E REFAIR AS MODIFIED BY TWO FOREGOING PARAS, WILL SATISY SECRETARIAT'S TECHNICAL SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVE SET FORTH PARA E REFAIR, THEREBY AVOIDING
 UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR NNWS'S. NOTE THAT NONE OF OUR
 REPORTING SHOULD HAVE LED TO ASSUMPTION THAT SECRETARIAT'S
 OBJECTIVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH EQUALIZING BURDEN RE
 NOTIFICATION OF EXPORTS BY NNWS'S.
- 5. SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN FURNISHED WITH CLEAN DRAFT OF AGREEMENT, DATED MAY 2, INCORPORATING ALL COMMENTS REFTEL A (EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 12.A, FOR WHICH VERSION DESCRIBED FOREGOING PARA IS INCLUDED AD REFERENDUM) PLUS PROPOSED TEXT ARTICLE 34.C. NEW DRAFT PROTOCOL TEXT ALSO FURNISHED SECRETARIAT, INCORPORATING SOME OF IDEAS INCLUDED IN OUTLINE BY RAMES, TRANSMITTED BY IAEA VIENNA A-41, 3 FEB. 1975. COPIES BOTH TEXTS AND TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO LOPEZMENCHERO HAND CARRIED BY MAHY, WHO SHOULD BE IN HIS OFFICE MAY 5. ADDITIONAL COPIES BEING POUCHED.
- 6. RE SCHEDULE REQUESTED REFTEL B, EARLIEST DATE WORKING STEIN (WHO HAS REPLACED RAMES ON TEAM) ON DUTY TRAVEL MAY 5 THRU MAY 12 AND ROMETSCH'S ABSENCE FOR NPT REV. CON. DURING MAY. (LOPEZ-MENCHERO HAS INDICATED HE WILL NOT SIGN OFF WITHOUT ROMETSCH'S O.K.) THERE IS POSSIBILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT STEIN, ROMETSCH AND LOPEZ-MENCHERO WILL BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER SOMETIME AFTER MID-MAY, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FORMAL RESPONSE BY WEEK JUNE 2. OTHERWISE, NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE DELAYED WHILE NEW LEGAL MEMBER OF TEAM BECOMES FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT, IN LIGHT STEIN'S RESIGNATION FROM AGENCY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JUNE BOARD.

7. COMMENTS RE ARTICLES 12.A AND 34.C OF THE AGREEMENT

| AND RE PROTOCOL REQUESTED PRIOR MAY 13, IN ORDER THAT |
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| SECRETARIAT REVIEW BE BASED UPON TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. |
| LABOWITZ |

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